

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AND THE
JASPER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JUNE 18, 2014**

A special joint meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana and the Jasper Redevelopment Commission was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Purpose. Mayor Seitz said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the terms of an agreement between the City of Jasper Redevelopment Commission and the Greater Jasper Consolidated School Board in regards to the purchase of property and the future use of property currently a part of the property that is formally known as The Parklands.

Common Council Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the special meeting.

Redevelopment Commission Roll Call.

Secretary John Kahle called the roll

President John Bell	present
Vice President John Schroeder	absent
Secretary John Kahle	present
Member Andrew Seger	present
Member Ray Howard	present
Non-voting advisor Bernie Vogler	present

Kahle announced that there was a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business. City Attorney Renee Kabrick said during the negotiations between the City and the School regarding the Parklands, all parties wanted what is in the best interest of the community. Kabrick added that the school board met in executive session yesterday and what is decided tonight goes to the school board for consideration at their meeting on Monday. She then presented the proposed terms.

1. The School would purchase 10 acres outright.
2. The City takes the position that no more than 10 acres can be offered to the school due to the development plan for the Parklands created by CityVisions – the City is very firm on this point.
3. The City is willing to eliminate any use restrictions on the referenced property – allowing more flexibility for the school.
4. Any parking lot developed by the City for use by Parkland users will be placed on city property. If future school improvements to this property require additional parking for school use, then the school would work collaboratively with the City to ensure maximum shared use of the area.
5. The City will maintain the cart path and the 10 acres so long as the City is holding this property open to the public as part of the Parkland Property.
6. The City would provide liability insurance coverage for the 10 acre tract, listing the School as an additional insured, so long as the City is holding this property open to the public as part of the Parkland Property.

Mayor Seitz said tonight the council needs to make a recommendation to the redevelopment commission regarding these terms then the redevelopment commission will make a decision which Renee will then present to the school board.

Nancy Habig, president of the Greater Jasper Consolidated School Board, and Greg Eckerle a member of that same board, as well as a member of the park board, made comments about the school saying they always wanted at least 15 acres instead of 10 acres and that this would be the last opportunity to purchase additional property adjacent to the high school. They both commented that if the lake was smaller it would allow room for the additional five acres. John Bell said since the school does not have plans for the land now and if more land is needed in the future they could return to the City to negotiate at that time.

Thereafter a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to recommend to the redevelopment commission the terms presented this evening. Motion carried 7-0.

John Bell, president of the redevelopment commission, asked the board members to consider the recommendation made by the Council.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Andrew Seger and seconded by John Bell to approve the terms and conditions outlined and add the provision if the City builds a lot they will allow the school to use it. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment. Mayor Seitz then asked for a motion on behalf of both boards to adjourn the meeting. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 by the council and 4-0 by the redevelopment commission and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 23rd day of July, 2014.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer